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Paterson board launches new school formula

Gloria Dulon-Wilson
Staff Writer

PATERSON — There's something wonderful going on in Paterson, New Jersey's third-largest city, which has long been written off and treated somewhat like a stepchild. But Paterson's new educational program, "City of Learning," has caused such a stir that a delegation from Japan came over recently to study and see what they can use to modernize their own educational program.

City of Learning — a joint concept that emanated from a report that Paterson's school superintendent Dr. Edwin Duroy contracted with Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), to determine the best means by which education could be coupled with revitalization to provide the best of both worlds for the youth and the community.

Duroy's concept: "Mixed use buildings. Utilize the space for commercial, education and residential. We have about 540 properties in Paterson for which you do not collect taxes, they are empty," he said. The first floor could be retail, restaurants, other shops and services; the next two floors could be offices; the fourth and fifth floors could be the particular education focus, such as science or culinary schools; and the top floors could actually be residences for educators and administrators offered at a discount. We have

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about 27,000 students in the district, ranging from kindergarten through 12, with an additional 3,000 pre-kindergarten children.

One site that is already up and running is a commercial shopping center at Washington and Van Houten that had been two-thirds empty is now two-thirds full. Two inaugural schools — Metro Paterson Academy for Communications and Technology (MPACT) and Health and Related Professions (HARP) are not only successful, but have a waiting list of students. With smaller class sizes, a student/teacher ratio of 10-1, and the state-of-the-art facilities, MPACT is training students in computer/network systems, and receiving equipment from Lucent Technologies and Cisco Systems while HARP has in-house medical equipment and partners with a local hospital as part of the students' lab work and internship.

Students in these programs will actually have achieved professional standing by the time they graduate high school, and can then decide to go directly into their chosen field or attend college with advance standing. Graduate students from MIT, on site to assist in rounding out the City of Learning concept, have become enamored with the concept that they have extended their stay far twice a week for four days a week.

According to Steven Cohen, director of the program, it was not until Duroy came on the scene two years ago that things began to change dramatically, for the better.

The City of Learning concept may well become a new paradigm for other urban areas seeking to alleviate the pressures of tight space, antiquated facilities and programs that

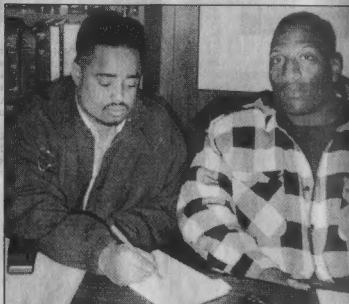


CITY NEWS

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Black officers strike back at racism

Black correctional officers file complaint against the State Department of Corrections and East Jersey State Prison



Correctional officers Tyrone Leask, left, and Alan Dennis

By Gloria Rogers
Staff Writer

Are the scales of justice balanced when it comes to black correctional officers? This was the question raised in the first part of

a two-part series involving 16 black correctional officers, some claiming to have been subjected to a racist display (a miniature black doll was thrown at one officer's neck, a wooden coffin the size of a shoe

box with braids appearing to be from a black person's head in it, a plantation hat, and a sign in the chief's office which read: "No Niggers Allowed"), while all were subjected to racist behavior from some white officers at East Jersey State Prison. The 16 officers filed a formal complaint on March 11, against the State of New Jersey. City News contacted the State Department of Corrections and spoke with Chris Carden, who was unable to comment on the matter due to the pending litigation.

Officers, Tyrone Leask, 31, and Alan Dennis, 43, are the spokesmen for the group of officers. They contend that since the complaint was filed, retaliatory measures to rid them from East Jersey State Prison have resulted in them both being transferred to other facilities.

"I've been targeted and singled out," said Leask, who witnessed his name accompanied with derogatory remarks written on the wall in one of the men's restrooms at the prison. "Because we chose to try to get a piece of justice now we're targeted, we're the bad guys. They transferred myself and Officer

Dennis."

Once outstanding employees, Dennis and Leask's files have been tarnished, since the lawsuit was filed.

"I was harassed personally," said Officer Dennis. "After the lawsuit was made public knowledge, there was a Caucasian lieutenant who went to a Caucasian officer and tried to get this officer to say that I assaulted him and when the officer wouldn't do it, the lieutenant wrote me up saying that I assaulted this officer, and that officer was negligent in writing me up. He blatantly made this up. The officer went to a hearing and admitted that there was no incident between the two of us. But since that time, I have gotten a verdict back from EED (Equal Employment Division) that they cannot find the paperwork."

Paperwork also disappeared when another black officer reported finding a KKK application on his desk, which was to be investigated and according to Leask simply got "white washed." White officers in support of Chief Maggi were observed by Leask and Dennis selling T-shirts which

read: "Support our fearless leader," with a picture of Chief Maggi on the T-shirt. Leask pointed out how this type of improper act against state regulations continues to perpetuate the hostile environment between black and white officers.

"What kind of tone are you setting?" he asked. "They should have gotten the proper discipline and made some kind of provisions that these things would not be tolerated on state property."

The scandalous nature of the officers' allegations caught the attention of Johnnie Cochran, who featured Leask and Dennis on his television show in May. "I love demonstrative evidence," said Cochran in regard to the photos Leask and Dennis took of the visually racist display on the wall in Chief Maggi's office. Another trial officer, Jack Farling, appeared on the same show playing devil's advocate and claimed the "No Niggers Allowed" sign could have been planted. He admitted, however, that there indeed exists "a sadistic element among officers." A true statement, which alarming centers on the color of skin.

New mall in Elizabeth promises 5,000 jobs

Gloria Rogers
Staff Writer

Move over Woodbridge Center here comes Jersey Gardens Mall, the newest shopping attraction literally designed to empower Union County residents, in particular those people from Elizabeth. The mall, which houses 250 retail stores and 18 restaurants officially will open for business on Thursday Oct. 21, at 10:00 a.m., with a ribbon cutting ceremony taking place at 9:30 a.m.

Located off exit 13A on the New Jersey Turnpike and unlike the countless number of malls that criss-cross the country, Jersey Gardens is unique. A concept, which was built into the planning of the mall ensures that those vying for jobs are properly trained to step into staff, entry-level and management positions.

The Retail Skills Center at Jersey Gardens is reportedly, the second training center of its kind in the country to be incorporated into the daily goings on of a mall.

"Through the Retail Skills Center, we hope to place as many local residents as possible in the thousands of permanent positions," said Elizabeth's Mayor, Chris Bollag.

"There's more extensive training from two to four weeks or self-paced training with different modules," said Sarah Conrad, director of the training center under the auspices of the National Retail Federation Foundation. The curriculum is in accord with the national skills



Workers put finishing touches on the Jersey Gardens Mall for grand-opening.

standard, which involves the basic aspects of retail math—discounts and refunds.

The self-paced training is geared toward those prospective employees who have retail experience but may need to brush up on customer service, sales, and store maintenance skills, a provision met through workbook training, videos and hands-on computer. The training, which

takes place on and off site is also a component of Union County College's training program. Conrad does not advocate automatic hire because a person is trained at the center, rather that it will help.

"It's such a wonderful opportunity, and it's free," said Conrad. "They may start out as a sales person and like what they're doing and want to come back for management training."

The intensive training concept also incorporates an ESL program. This is to assist those applicants who want to work but have a language barrier. The center is sensitive to their needs, too.

Two New Jersey Transit buses will make rounds to and from the mall — No. 62 and No. 24 buses. And a fly over that extends from Trumbull Street in Elizabeth directly into the mall, will make it accessible for employees from Elizabeth's Port to walk to work. "We want to give the residents of Elizabeth a job," said William Reyes, assistant public information officer in the Department of Policy and Planning for Elizabeth.

The Retail Skills Center was made possible through a partnership with city, county and state funding that enabled the mall's developer, Glenside Development Corporation to extend the center a six-year rent-free lease. The center will also act as an on-site human resource center for its retail tenants — offering qualified applicants to match their needs.

Lipman's political influence lives on in legislative triumph

By Carl Chase
Staff Writer

NEWARK — The late Senator Wyonna Lipman, also known as the "Steel Magnolia of the Senate," may be gone from this world, but her influence lives on, still making life easier for New Jersey's most needy residents.

A bill Lipman co-sponsored and signed into law recently, bringing tax relief to residents on nonprofit housing in Newark.

Although several Lipman proposals remain at various stages of development, this one could be the last to become law. The bill allows the extension of a 36-year tax exemption and abatement for a nonprofit, limited-dividend housing corporation such as Newark's 46-unit High Park Gardens. Existing law did

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— Sen. Ronald Rice

not permit such an extension. "This bill helps hundreds of Newark residents," said Rice (D-Essex) after Gov. Christie Whitman signed the bill. "With this law, the High Park Gardens housing complex can keep its rent prices low for tenants and thus benefit the city of Newark."

The bill had already passed the Senate, 26-0 and the Assembly by 78-0.

Rice credited Lipman for spearheading the legislation. "She represents one of the many good things my friend and colleague, the late Senator Lipman, did on behalf of Newark residents."

"She would have enjoyed knowing that hundreds of Newark residents will benefit from our efforts down in Trenton," he said.

Facing trial on trumped-up charges, Antoine gets support from black leaders, demonstrations

By Carl Chase
Staff Writer

Supporters call him "New Jersey's Abner Louima," after another Haitian-American man who was assaulted by police in New York. And they stepped out to lend their voices and help Max Antoine, a former Irvington man who reports he was brutally beaten by cops in front of family and friends. Now he's charged with assaulting the officers, seizing one of their weapons, and falsifying medical records.

His trial in Newark was slated to begin Monday, but might well be delayed yet another time. The march last Saturday from the Irvington stationhouse to the Essex County Courthouse in Newark came later than City News' press time. It was called to protest Antoine's beating and the



Max Antoine, in wheelchair (center), enjoys the active support of New Jersey Assemblyman William Payne, Congressional Rep. Donald Payne, his attorney, Richard Thomas, and his wife Marie Antoine.

13 "trumped up charges" of the charges, prosecution of Irvington police officers Phillip

Rucker, Keith Stouch and Alfredo Aleman, and results of a 2-year-plus federal investigation of the incident.

Antoine, now 31, was beaten, stomped, thrusted, dragged down tenement stairs and thrust head-first through a glass storm door as party guests and Antoine's own daughter looked on, they say.

An accountant and paralegal at the time of the beating in 1995, he now complains of waist-down paralysis, blindness in one eye, impaired brain function and numerous other ailments despite 20 surgical procedures he has endured.

Supporters included the Center for Constitutional Rights, the New Brunswick Coalition Against Police Brutality, the People's Organization for

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Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20

WAYNE — William Paterson University Wind Ensemble returns for a performance at the school's Shea Center. Call (973) 729-5371 for time and information.

EAST ORANGE — The City of East Orange will hold a meeting on parking authority at City Hall, 5:30 p.m. (973) 572-1116.

CRANFORD — Union County College will offer a program course in resume writing and job interview skills, 7 p.m. (908) 709-7501.

ELIZABETH — Union County College hosts a workshop on financial aid, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. (908) 709-7141.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21

NEW BRUNSWICK — The Moscow State Radio Symphony Orchestra and Chorus comes to the State Theater. Call (732) 246-7469.

NEWARK — The Newark Literacy Campaign, Inc. hosts a reading volunteers training program for new members at Newark Public Library, 6 p.m. (973) 623-4001.

EAST ORANGE — The City of East Orange will hold a board meeting on the city's rent control at City Hall, 7 p.m. (973) 205-5153.

JERSEY CITY — New Jersey City University (NJCU) hosts a workshop on preparing an effective resume at the school's Women Center, 12 p.m. (201) 200-3189.

NEW BRUNSWICK — The New Jersey Bar Foundation hosts a free seminar on divorce law at the New Jersey Law Center, 7 p.m. (732) 937-7518.

CAPE MAY — The Cape May Welcome Center presents the play "The Witch Like Me," 8 p.m. (609) 864-1941.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22

NEWARK — Essex County College's Mary Burch Theatre kicks off its Dutch Millennium series with the Caribbean comedy "SulaHearts" through Oct. 23, 7:30 p.m. (973) 877-4425.

NEWARK — The Newark Branch NAACP hosts its 85th Anniversary Freedom Fund Dinner honoring the New Jersey Nets, Thomas P. Gblin, and Mayor Sharpe James at the Robert Trust Hotel, 7 p.m. (973) 624-6400.

EAST ORANGE — The City of East Orange will auction off city owned property at City Hall, 10 a.m. (973) 266-5153.

TOTOWA — The American Association for Affirmative Action, Regional II pre-

sents "Affirmative Action and ADA Awareness" conference at the Holiday Inn, 9 a.m. (973) 252-5020.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23

CAPE MAY — The Cheshire County Antique Auto Show comes to Cape May at the Washington Street Mall. Call (609) 884-9565 for time and information.

NEW BRUNSWICK — The State Theater presents singer Maureen McGovern, 8 p.m. (732) 246-7469.

JERSEY CITY — New Jersey City University (NJCU) hosts a children's introduction to desktop publishing at the school's Writing Center, 9:30 a.m. (201) 200-3089.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26

NEWARK — The Newark Literacy Campaign, Inc. hosts a reading volunteers training program for new members at the Newark Public Library, 6 p.m. (973) 623-4001.

WHITE PLAINS, NY — The Westchester Corporate Volunteer Council (WCCVC) hosts its annual Fall Reception for businesses at the Galleria, 5:30 p.m. (914) 948-4452.

EAST ORANGE — The City of East Orange will hold a two board meetings on local assistance and the city's health department, Call (973) 266-5153 for time and information.

CRANFORD — Union County College will hold a course in effective communication in business, Call (908) 709-7501 for time and information.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27

CRANFORD — Union County College will offer a course in resume writing and job interviewing skills, 7 p.m. (908) 709-7501.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28

NEWARK — The Newark Literacy Campaign, Inc. hosts a reading volunteers training program for new members at the Newark Public Library, 6 p.m. (973) 623-4001.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

JERSEY CITY — New Jersey City University (NJCU) hosts an introduction to chess for kids in grades 5-8 and K-4, 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. (201) 200-3089.

PSE&G introduces initiative for energy choice education



TRENTON — PSE&G, New Jersey's largest electric and natural gas utility, recently initiated five million dollar campaign designed to educate its customers regarding New Jersey's Energy Choice Plan at a kickoff meeting in Trenton. At the kickoff were Al Koppke (left), senior vice president for corporate services and external affairs at PSE&G and Mayor of Trenton Douglas H. Palmer. The PSE&G education effort campaign will feature a multi-media strategy, including outdoor advertising in over 700 locations; radio stations and print vehicles.

Union County resident active as a peer counselor

PHILADELPHIA — Faiz Mohammed Sadeq has been selected as one of 21 peer counselors for the University of Sciences in Philadelphia. Sadeq, a third-year doctor of pharmacy student, Peer counselors are selected upper-class students who help introduce freshmen to the academic and social life of the University. Under the guidance of Dean of Students, peer counselors help freshmen get acclimated to campus life, develop effective study strategies and learn about on-campus activities and resources related to their interests and needs. University of Sciences in Philadelphia is a private, coeducational institution founded in 1821 as Philadelphia College of Pharmacy.



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NEW YORK — Reverend Jamal Harrison Bryant (right), director of the NAACP Youth and College Division, introduced ABC News correspondent Pam Chadeval (second from right) as the keynote speaker at the recent NAACP's Roy Wilkins Youth Leadership Luncheon at the Hilton Hotel in New York. With them are Pepsi Cola public relations manager Sam Hall (left) and Betty Shinn, manager of Pepsi's research and development information center. The event gave kids from the around the country the motivation to excel and succeed in the next millennium.

Inspiring information delivered by Essence editor Susan Taylor



NEW YORK — In conjunction with The 1999 Essence Awards primetime special, ESSENCE Magazine and DaimlerChrysler Corp. recently sponsored a reception at the Charles Wright African American Museum in Detroit with a panel discussion and presentation entitled "The Power of the New Generation: An Evening of Inspiration and Information." Pictured here are (l-r) Kimberly Trent, Tamekia Aldine, Susan L. Taylor, ESSENCE editor-in-chief, Tedra Butler-Dutley, CEO of Tedra Media Group, Inc.; Bonita Coleman and ESSENCE public relations director Audrey Adams.

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NATIONAL BRIEF

SUPREME COURT REFUSES TO HEAR APPEAL FOR NEW TRIAL FOR MUMIA ABU-JAMAL

(NNPA) — The U.S. Supreme Court recently refused to hear an appeal for a new trial filed by celebrated death row inmate Mumia Abu-Jamal. The Court decided not to act on an automatic appeal arising from a decision made last October by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania to reject Abu-Jamal's request for a new trial that included compelling new evidence of prosecutorial misconduct by Philadelphia police and prosecutors. The action by the nation's highest court, fully expected by Abu-Jamal's defense team, sets the stage for two significant events in coming weeks. Lawyers for Abu-Jamal will file a new appeal in federal district court presenting evidence of prosecutorial misconduct by Philadelphia authorities and deliberate errors by the PA Supreme Court, and PA Governor Tom Ridge will sign a new warrant for Abu-Jamal's execution as required by state law. Spokesmen for the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections grant a stay of Abu-Jamal's appeal until the federal courts decide on the new appeal. Abu-Jamal, an award-winning journalist, is on death row for the 1981 murder of Philadelphia Police Officer Daniel Faulkner. Prosecutors say Abu-Jamal shot Faulkner, who was beating Abu-Jamal's brother. Eyewitnesses claim the assistant who shot Faulkner died the scene after the policeman shot Abu-Jamal, who tried to stop the beating of his brother.

Brutality

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People's Organization for Progress, the socialist Green Party and others.

Three days after the riot, the movement's supporters from Rep. Donald Payne, Assemblyman William Payne, and Assemblyman Stanley. "That this case has deteriorated to the point where the victim has been charged instead of the policemen who shot him, is a disgrace," said Payne. "It is a disgrace that this case has deteriorated to the point where the victim has been charged instead of the policemen who shot him, is a disgrace," said Payne. "It is a disgrace that this case has deteriorated to the point where the victim has been charged instead of the policemen who shot him, is a disgrace," said Payne.

Rep. Payne said he has written to U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno on Antoine's behalf, seeking answers from a federal investigation of the incident.

"We're sick and tired of people living under these barbaric, medieval conditions," said the Congressman, standing next to Antoine at the King Federal Courthouse on Walnut Street. "It's like the crusades, but we're going to have our own crusade, a crusade for justice. People are so much going to pay for it, all the way from the top levels of government."

"What happened to Max Antoine is by no means an isolated incident, as we all know," Rep. Payne said. "The beating he suffered at the hands of police was so brutal, so savage, and has left him so permanently impaired, that his case is one of the most shocking we have seen in New Jersey."

Stanley repeated the demand for civilian review boards to monitor police abuses like this one.

Antoine, who often appears at demonstrations to support the cause, was surrounded by his devoted wife, his attorney, POP leader Larry Hamm and others said, he vowed to fight the charges "until we obtain justice."

Rep. Payne recalled the case of Philip Pannell in Teaneck, a young boy shot dead by a local officer from behind, other victims in New York City, New Brunswick, Hillsdale, and on the New Jersey Turnpike. Amadou Diallo in New York City, young Earl Faison in Orange among other victims. And Carolyn Adams, an unarmed, 39-year-old black woman shot in New Brunswick "by a white policeman twice her size."

"Although she was unarmed, a Middlesex County grand jury determined that the officers used deadly force was unjustified," Payne said, growing as angry as his brother. "Adams' killer was retired with full benefits," Payne said. "This is what happens in this state, and we're tired of it."

Wilson, Franklin, Odetta, Lenoire honored at White House



Left: The President and First Lady present Artha Franklin with her National Arts Medal and he congratulates playwright August Wilson on his.

WASHINGTON—The White House was the appropriate setting for the presentation of the Artha Franklin Humanities Medal Awards. No stranger to the White House, Franklin has been the invited guest of the President and First Lady on several occasions.

"The Reverend C.L. Franklin, then pastor of Detroit's New Bethel Baptist Church, was a powerfully emotional preacher. But it was the heavenly voice of a 12-year-old that brought the congregation to its feet," said Clinton. "The voice belonged to his own daughter, Artha, the woman now idolized throughout

the world as the Queen of Soul Wilson, the Pulitzer Prize winning playwright whose plays have been inspiring — "Fences," "Seven Guitars," "Two Trains Running," was held in high esteem by the President.

"From the dimly lit library stacks to the bright lights of the stage, he has chronicled the African American experience throughout the 20th Century," said Clinton. "A Classically trained singer



Odetta, carved out her niche in folk music over 50 years ago in a coffee house in San Francisco, and has inspired the likes of Joan Baez, Bob Dylan and Tracy Chapman.

Lenoire, who was the godchild of Bill "Bojangles" Robinson has for over 30 years provided AMAS a musical theater in New York, where performers are judged by their skills and not the color of their skin.

many lack adequate health coverage, he said.

Just 62 percent of Hispanic adults ages 25 to 29 completed high school compared with 87 percent of blacks and 93 percent of whites, according to federal figures. Hispanics themselves have forged a powerful unity among diverse members of their own ethnic group, Clinton said. A challenge for Hispanics, and for the rest of America, is to further such unity as America grows more ethnically diverse, he said.

"I have always wanted an administration that looks like America," Clinton said in closing. "You've heard that a dozen times, I bet. More and more, America will look like you."

Clinton said last week that Hispanics are moving quickly "into the mainstream of American life."

The national Hispanic population of 31 million is expected to overtake the non-Hispanic black population to become the largest minority group by the end of 2004. Although Hispanics will be a potent political force in the 2000 elections, Clinton did not make a direct pitch for Democratic candidacies. Instead, he recounted what he called the successes of the Clinton-Gore administration. He took at least partial credit for such advances as a 4.8 percent increase in the median household income for Hispanics last year. The overall national increase was 3.5 percent. Yet too, many Hispanic teen-agers still drop out of high school, and too

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Accused seek dismissal of Denny's lawsuit

By William Kates

AUBURN, N.Y. (AP) — Saying that they have no authority over the employees in the restaurants that bear their company name, lawyers for Denny's Inc. say the chain shouldn't be held responsible for any discrimination. Denny's Inc. asked U.S. District Judge Frederick Scullin Jr. to drop the South Carolina-based company from the civil rights lawsuit brought by the group of black and Asian men and women.

Denny's lawyers argued the alleged discrimination in seating and racially motivated assault by customers happened at a franchise owned by an independent company. Seven Asian-Americans and two blacks filed a lawsuit in August 1997 claiming they were racially discriminated against at a Denny's restaurant in Syracuse on April 11, 1997.

The students said they were denied service while other customers were seated ahead of them and then assaulted in the restaurant's parking lot by a group of white patrons as two security guards watched.

"We were not responsible for their employees. We had no control over their actions," Denny's attorney Michael R. Wolford said.

Also in court were attorneys for NDI Foods Inc., the franchise in Auburn, and Onondaga County, who also were seeking dismissal of the lawsuit. Scullin reserved a decision until after the attorneys have submitted all their legal papers. Local prosecutors investigated the case but refused to file criminal charges. Instead, District Attorney William Fitzpatrick accused the students of being drunk, disorderly and "orchestrating" their claim, knowing full well Denny's legal history regarding discrimination.

In 1994, Denny's settled a \$46 million class-action lawsuit brought by black Secret Service agents and California students who claimed discrimination in separate incidents.



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The Black Nationalist Tradition

By Dr. Conrad W. Worrill

One of the biggest challenges African people face in America is to rejuvenate Black Nationalist thinking as we struggle to determine for ourselves as a people what is in our best collective interests.

There are far too many African people in this country who think what is good for other people should be good for us. Nothing could be further from the truth. We can only determine what is good for us by reestablishing Black Nationalist thinking and developing a Black Nationalist program of action. This is the missing link to the liberation of African people in America.

Let us briefly review the development and impact of Black Nationalism in America.

Black Nationalism is a tradition that emerged in the early nineteenth-century among those Black leaders who understood the need for African people in America to develop a national entity as the only solution Black people in North America, Latin America, or the Caribbean.

These nineteenth-century Black Nationalist leaders such as Denmark Vessey, Nat Turner, David Walker, Henry Highland Garnet, James T. Holly, Martin Delany, Paulding, Edwin McCabe, and Henry McNeal Turner understood that African people in America were a "nation within a nation" and should organize to collectively struggle for the liberation of Black people in this country and throughout the world.

During the era there were some Black Nationalist leaders before, and after the Civil War, who led movements for people of African ancestry to leave this country and establish a homeland somewhere else. These pioneers included Africa, Canada, and the Caribbean.

Other Black Nationalist leaders led movements for Black people to control the land where they lived and also led movements to the western region of this country to establish all Black towns in Kansas and Oklahoma.

The core of this Black Nationalist tradition has been to defeat and overthrow

the system of white supremacy, seize control of land (somewhere) and to achieve self-determination for the oppressed Black masses.

The Black Nationalist tradition has always been opposed to integration, assimilation, and accommodation as a solution to the problems of people of African ancestry in America. In this regard, Black Nationalist tradition has rejected the strategy and tactics of appealing to the morality of white people and their white supremacy system.

Black Nationalists have been historically clear that people in power don't teach powerless people how to get power. And

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they certainly don't give power away, even though, when challenged, they may give up some concessions.

As Black Nationalism emerged in the twentieth-century, the Honorable Marcus Garvey and the establishment of the Universal Negro Improvement Association (UNIA) and African Communities League (ACL) became the leading spokesmen for Black Nationalist ideas and organizing.

Garvey used his varied skills to become one of our true twentieth-century freedom fighters. Garvey arrived in Harlem, New York on March 16, 1919. By 1919 Garvey was well established as the President General of the UNIA/ACL that had a membership of over three million people in the U.S.

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formula for organizing African people around the African principle: the greatest good for the greatest number.

This was reflected in the First International Convention of the Negro Peoples of the World in Madison Square Garden in 1920. Over twenty thousand Black people from all over the world witnessed the choosing of Black, Red, and Green as the colors of the Provisional Government.

In this context, Garvey and the UNIA/ACL had established an economic enterprise, the Negro Factories Corporation, with cooperative stores, restaurants, steam laundry shops, tailor shops, dressmaking shops, military stores, a doll factory to manufacture Black dolls and a publishing house. And, Garvey had formed a Steamship Corporation.

The Black Nationalist tradition was continued in the twentieth-century through the Nation of Islam and the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, who utilized many of the Garvey and UNIA/ACL organizing tactics and strategies.

It was during the 1960's Black Power explosion that the Black Nationalist tradition reemerged through the influence of Malcolm X who adopted Black Nationalism as the political philosophy, economic and social philosophy of the organization of Afro America. UNIA in 1964 after he left the Nation of Islam.

Finally, the Black Nationalist tradition, today, is spearheaded through the African Centered Education Movement. The mass acceptance of Kwanzaa, African Liberation Day, Black Camps, the Reparation's Movement, and Controlling Our Own Communities are all part of the on-going Black Nationalist tradition.

Once Black Nationalism is understood by Black people, it will be the foundation upon which the true liberation of people of African ancestry in America will take place.

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On the money thinking

You have good days, then there are the bad ones, others when you feel unsure of yourself, but nothing is more satisfying and pleasing than knowing when you're on the money — clearly thinking. We tend at times to respond to situations without really thinking. Then we walk away saying to ourselves, "I should've said this or I should've said that." That's why it's important to listen and think before reacting, because some folks really know how to push those buttons that can send some of us off. Are you feeling me. Well just the other day, a person, who will remain anonymous, tried to push that reaction button that can get you in trouble if you don't think first. Oh, I was so cool. The person tried to put words in my mouth, which I had never uttered or even alluded to. With ease, even after stunning myself, I simply said to this person "that is not what I said or intended you to do." I posed my original statement again with direct statement but not with a hint of attitude. I was clear that what I was thinking and would not be swayed into left field, where this person was trying to take me. I ended the conversation with "Thank-you, I appreciate that," and got on with the start of my day. It really was an epiphany that caught my attention, as to how I should think and react. So, don't get caught out there allowing others to take you where you really don't want to go. That can be ugly. In the words of Iyanla Vanzant sometimes you just have to be "still and know!"

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

It is truly disturbing to learn of New Jersey's proposal to reduce the rate for much-needed medical day care services to children, adults, and seniors. The scope of these services is reaching, from children born with brain damage to seniors with Parkinson's disease, who often receive "substandard" care because they are defenseless against the rigid insensitivity of state regulations.

Second Home in Paterson and Union City and other adult medical day care centers throughout the state enable children, adults, and seniors to remain in their community by providing social, medically supervised, health-related services for a nominal fee. Second Home provides round-trip transportation to medical appointments, nutritional meals, dietary, podiatry, social, and nursing services and physical therapy. Preventive services enable members to overcome possible strokes, severe asthma attacks, and increase ambulation and speech skills. Second Home provides all these services for a flat reimbursement fee of

\$55.97, which is indeed reasonable — especially if you consider that if a Medicaid recipient were to receive transportation from a separate service, it would cost approximately \$50.

What the state fails to recognize in its proposal is the cost effectiveness adult medical day care. It allows individuals to remain in the community — and out of nursing homes — for longer periods of time. Statistics show that nursing home care in New Jersey averages \$110 per day, an annual all-inclusive expense totaling nearly \$72,000. Its impact imposes a tremendous burden on Medicaid beneficiaries, families, and taxpayers, especially in urban communities. The cost of adult medical day care service, on the other hand, is an estimated \$15,600 per year.

We urge citizens to address this matter to the Honorable Christine Todd Whitman, Office of the Governor, 125 West Street, P.O. Box 001, Trenton, NJ 08625; fax: 609-292-3454.

Sincerely,

Shayonda Sumter

Vice President Public Affairs

What will Whitman's legacy be?

By Michele S. Byers

When people think of Governor Whitman 100 years from now, what will her legacy be? Or better yet, what should her legacy be? Governor Whitman, who said she's not running for the Senate because she takes these questions to heart, took the time to discuss this with me, along with a small group of environmental advocates.

Water supply and quality, traffic congestion, the air we breathe, and quality of life are fundamental concerns of all New Jerseyans. We face some of the most difficult environmental challenges of any state in the country. And we're at a critical juncture.

Even though we have one of the most aggressive land preservation programs in the country, and a statewide "smart growth" plan, New Jersey's future quality of life is far from assured. Governor Whitman has the opportunity to create a permanent legacy of environmental protection for the future, not only by saving our nation's acres, but also by implementing the State Plan's smart growth initiatives. The nation is looking to New Jersey for leadership on smart growth just as it looks to the million-acre campaign as the premier open space model in the country. We urged Governor Whitman to seize this opportunity and take action on these extremely important issues for the future of every citizen in this state.

Here are some examples of what the Governor still has the time and power to accomplish:

• **Save the Jersey Shore**

The current coastal land use rules are not working.

• **Protect water and reduce traffic**

These two issues are on the minds of our state's residents. One way to make a real difference is through encouraging local and state government to work together towards a common vision and plan for New Jersey. I.e. smart growth.

• **Protect the Highlands**

The Highlands need special attention. It is clear that coordination between governments is essential if the water resources of the Highlands are to be sustainable — water which supplies half the state's residents.

• **Protect the Pinelands**

New Jersey has the reputation of being home to the most advanced growth management plan in the nation, the Pinelands Comprehensive Management Plan (CMP). It works, and works well. It is time to support and enhance the CMP, and no role is more important than the Governor's in seeing to the continued protection of this area.

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By Professor Sidney Morse

Yet to be recognized as one of the most important strategic issues of our time is the subject of urban technology transfer. It reflects a picture of both enormous opportunity and challenge. Despite its beckoning call of leadership to those who will respond to this issue, vital to the economic health of the nation, is only now beginning to resonate on the radar screens of those who have the best opportunity to impact its outcome.

Several reports accurately depict the rather surprising challenge technology growth has taken this far in contributing to current economic expansion and its curious "non-urban" nature. What is even more troubling is that as we begin to understand the profound impact this phenomenon will have on the shaping of a new global society, the ever widening gap should be ringing national security alarm bells, and it is simply not doing that. The question is why? The Commerce Department indicates that high technology is responsible for more than 20 percent of the nation's accelerated 3.8 percent three year growth rate and now drives nearly a third of the economic growth being experienced thus far in 1999.

America's High-Tech Economy: Growth, Development, and Risks of Metropolitan Areas," a new study by the Milken Institute, a Los Angeles based think tank, states that up to this point technology growth has been largely a suburban phenomenon. In its study of more than 300 metropolitan areas, the Institute says that metropolitan areas that fail to pursue technology as a primary industry in the new century will

be unable to compete economically and will pit themselves at a significant risk. The Information Technology Association of America, in its study "Help Wanted," shows almost a doubling of demand for high technology skill sets by employers from just two years ago to about 350,000.

The report discusses the intense difficulties American firms are experiencing in filling these jobs. It predicts that this trend will become even more pronounced in the future. Yet, Congress' response to pressure from

further exacerbating anxiety. The solution to both the job creation challenge and urban technology transfer will come from the proliferation of entrepreneurial driven companies whose creed of existence is to create and take advantage of opportunity.

The catalyst for this entrepreneurial development, primarily in urban areas, will require leadership. In our paper we examined the top 10 U.S. cities where the combined demographic of African American, Hispanic and Asian ethnic minorities comprise more than 60 percent of the total population. These cities, against those areas that experienced the highest levels of Metropolitan Job Growth from 1980 to 1990, in the first quarter of 1999. Wide divergence was found, offering further evidence that technology growth has not been an urban phenomenon. To change this troubling trend we suggest that a simultaneous effort of developing a trained workforce and cultivating the proliferation of entrepreneurs will in time, result in the effective transfer of technology to the core of our nation. To take on this daunting challenge we require the application of a new leadership paradigm based on five key areas.

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government sponsored program, further exacerbating anxiety. The solution to both the job creation challenge and urban technology transfer will come from the proliferation of entrepreneurial driven companies whose creed of existence is to create and take advantage of opportunity.

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First, developing a workforce that can sustain the presence of technological creativity and the evolution involved at a fundamental level.

Second, it is imperative that there be a strong value in urban settings so that respect for achievement, property and other human beings are raised as guiding principles. This is an essential building block of the foundation required for a technology environment to exist.

Third, leadership will be required to encourage already established technology companies to install operations in urban centers, either primary or satellite. Fourth, a new dimension of mentoring will be required for business leaders.

They should be encouraged to promote technology transfer by mentoring both entrepreneurs and those in their full organizations. This can often occur in the form of strategic alliances. And last, it will require leadership to reflect the attractiveness of the potential of urban centers as newly emerging domestic economies.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21

CRANFORD — Union County College introductory course, 8 p.m. (908) 795-7920

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The New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO) hosts a breakfast, net working meeting at the Saville Drive, 8 a.m. (732) 238-5405

NEWARK

SBA seminar and workshop for minorities on doing business with the government, at Two Gateway Center, 9 a.m. (973) 645-2434

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22

CRANFORD — Union County College hosts free personal finance teleconference at the JSCD's Executive Education Center, 1 p.m. (908) 795-7920

NEWARK

Statewide "Historic Hotels Expo and Career Fair" at Newark Airport Marriott, 9 a.m. (908) 928-4098

UNION

Union County Economic Development Corp. hosts training program on electronic commerce, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (908) 928-4098

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24

PHOENIX — The National Minority Supplier Development Council hosts the 1999 Conference and Business Expo, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (602) 944-9430

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25

NEW YORK — National Minority Business Council workshop on international business via the Internet, Practical Conference Center, Call (877) ASK-NMBC

ELIZABETH

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NMBC fights new loophole for 'minority-owned' companies

Up for adoption at supplier development conference

White investors could soon own 70 percent of

some 'minority' firms

NEW YORK — The National Minority Supplier Development Council recently added its opposition to the groundswell of protest against a similar organization's plan to reduce how much minority ownership is needed to consider certain firms minority-owned.

The National Minority Supplier Development Council is poised to loosen the 51 percent minimum minority ownership. As little as 30 percent would qualify certain firms that seek to keep minority certification as long as the nonwhite owner-managers retain day-to-day control as well as the "voting capital" in the business.

Companies can currently be certified and thus receive special consideration for contracts only if they are 51 percent minority-owned and -operated.

The proposed change, meant to help minority-owned firms raise equity investment capital for expansion, is slated for a vote by NMBC's board at the annual conference on Oct. 26.

On Oct. 26, NAACP, Urban League, National Council of Negro Women and U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce leaders oppose it. Firms must make a case for the special exception to the 51 rule and persuade a national committee in order to be eligible. Publicly-owned firms, and those unable to attract venture capital from a professional institutional investor, could not apply.

John F. Robinson, NMBC president-CEO, says his organization opposes any such change. "For over 20 years the ownership definition for minority-owned firms has been 51 percent. This was introduced in Congress by then Congressman Parren J. Mitchell, and signed into law by President Jimmy Carter."

This prevented the setting up of front companies controlled by non-minorities to gain the benefits of being a minority-owned firm. If the change as proposed by the NMBC is encouraged then we stand the chance of reverting to those abuses of the past. It is apparent that the NMBC is out of touch with the minority business community on this issue, because clearly a change in the percentage for minority ownership would benefit the interest of a very small minority of the nation's business community, which totals about 1.5 million."

The word "minority" would be used to describe the owner's "p. autonomy and independence of the vast majority of minority owned companies."

Ben Jones, former president of the NMBC and former executive director of the New York/New Jersey Minority Purchasing Council, the largest and most influential NMBC affiliate, proposes establishing a "special categorization of minority firms that are publicly owned," which would be a few and which could have a minority ownership of less than 51 percent but more than 20 percent and still be given minority status.

Lowering the threshold could add to the number of false "front" firms competing in an already crowded market, he said.

Robinson hopes the NMBC will take a good look at the minority business community and canvass its members before voting.

To be fair, the NMBC has spent a year talking with minority firms and other business leaders before finally releasing the proposal on Sept. 27. Most of the organizations' objections to the plan were reactions to conclusions drawn before the document was available.

For more information about NMBC, the toll-free number is (877) ASK-NMBC or 275-6622.

Clark achieves worldwide post

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — First Union, the nation's sixth largest bank and eighth biggest bank, promoted Denny Clark to head of its recruiting. He is responsible for personnel recruiting efforts for First Union's 2,400 financial centers across the East Coast, as well as recruiting for its operations nationwide and in 26 countries.

The Key West native, a 34-year-old, joined First Union through the merger with Florida National Bank. He managed some of First Union's largest commercial accounts in Jacksonville before becoming Community Relations Development Officer.



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Utility guides make energy shopping easy

TRENTON — Consumers interested in shopping around for an electric supplier can now get enrollment guides through their utility.

The guides will provide comprehensive and objective information to help consumers navigate the new competitive marketplace and make the choice that's best for their household or business.

We hope that people have been taking advantage of the educational resources such as the brochures and Energy Choice Call Center to prepare themselves to begin shopping," said New Jersey Board of Public Utilities President Herbert T. Trice. "The enrollment guides give consumers the ability to make intelligent choices about their electric suppliers."

Call the New Jersey Energy Choice Call Center toll-free at (877) NJ5-5678. Or visit www.njenergychoice.com.

Money Matters

Investment riches go to the resourceful investor

By Dr. Karen Ensle

Looking for resources to assist you with investing and retirement planning decisions?

A number of state and federal government agencies and non-profit organizations have materials to share. Look at all of the following until you find what you need to protect your nest egg or portfolio from bad decisions:

○The Securities and Exchange Commission is actively involved in educating consumers about investing.

Their Website for consumers, found at www.sec.gov/invkhme.htm, includes helpful tools like a mutual fund cost calculator and links to print out or download various publications.

○Another helpful financial planning resource is the "Ballpark Estimate" retirement savings calculator, found on the Web site of the Washington, D.C.-based American Savings Education Council located at www.asec.org.

This single-page, six-question worksheet provides a rough estimate of the amount you'll need to save to replace 70 percent of pre-retirement income.

The "Ballpark Estimate" isn't as detailed as most planning tools, but neither is it as intimidating. It is designed to provide a rough estimate of the amount required to save each year until retirement age.

○A new feature of the ASEC Web site, mentioned above, is the Retirement Personality Profile quiz. Here, Internet users can answer about a dozen questions and find out whether they are "planners," "savvy," "strugglers," "impulsive," and "deniers." Only about 35 percent of Americans plan ahead, while 15 spend and make decisions impulsively and 18 percent are in denial about their finances (e.g., the need to save money), according to ASEC.

○Another helpful tool is an 11-question "Retirement Readiness Survey" (called R3) that provides an indication of how well you've prepared to date. R3 was developed by the Employee Benefit Research Institute. To obtain a copy, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Rutgers Cooperative Extension, 3 High Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901.

○The New Jersey Bureau of Securities (973) 504-3600 can be contacted to report suspected cases of investment fraud (e.g., illegal pyramid schemes).

○State residents can also call the Bureau to check if people are registered to sell securities or if certain investments are approved for sale. They also maintain a computerized database, called the CRD, that contains the disciplinary history of persons who have violated securities regulations or been involved in committing fraud.

○Finally, another resource for consumers is Rutgers Cooperative Extension. The Money 2000 program encourages consumers to set a personal savings and debt reduction goal and take action to achieve it.

The program is free of charge and continues until December 31, 2000. The MONEY 2000 Web site is another valuable resource. Explore this helpful site at www.rutgers.edu/money2000/. It includes copies of personal finance fact sheets, an online "Ask the CFP®" page, and a credit file request form.

For information about MONEY 2000 and other www.rutgers.edu/programs Rutgers Cooperative Extension programs, contact your county Cooperative Extension office, listed in the local phone directory.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22

HAWTHORNE — Hawthorne Gospel Church will host the 39th Annual Christian Ministries Convention on Oct. 22. Call 1-800-933-4410 for time and information.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

NEWARK — St. Lucy Church offers mass to all members 5:30 p.m. (973) 482-6663.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24

BELLEVILLE — Christ Episcopal Church hosts an afternoon of chamber music 4 p.m. (973) 751-0616.

Obituaries

Oseola McCarty, donated life savings to university

Oseola McCarty, who went from obscurity to acclaimed recognition when she donated a large sum of her life savings, \$150,000, to the University of Southern Mississippi, recently died in Hattiesburg, MS. She was 91. McCarty labored most of her life washing and ironing clothes for other people, but received monumental exposure, being honored for her generous donation to the University by President Clinton.

The gift, McCarty explained was so that others would be given the opportunity to get the education she never received. The scholarship fund established in her name in 1995 has provided scholarships to nine students.

Art Farmer, legendary jazz musician

Art Farmer, who inimitably played trumpet and flugelhorn with the likes of Charlie "Bird" Parker and many other jazz greats died October 4. He was 71 years old. Born in Council Bluffs, Iowa, Farmer recorded his first acclaimed side with saxophonist, Wardell Gray entitled "Farmers Market." By 1953, Farmer settled in New York and hooked up with Lionel Hampton's band, playing alongside Clifford Brown, Quincy Jones and Gigi Gryce. He also played with Coleman Hawkins, Thelonious Monk, Art Blakey, Charlie Mingus and Lester Young. Playing with the legendary Jazztet, the group saxophonist Benny Golson founded in 1959, brought Farmer more fame. His twin brother Addison was a respected bassist. He died in 1993.

Milt Jackson, affectionately known as "Bags"

Milt Jackson, one of the first vibraphonists to master the style died October 4. He was 76 years old. Jackson, who is well known for the Modern Jazz Quartet (MJQ) he started in the early '50s. Jackson collaborated with John Coltrane on a favorite album by many straight ahead jazz enthusiasts entitled "Bags and Trane." His popularity grew through such jazz tunes as, "Blueology," "Bags Groove," and "The Cylinder." Jackson revolutionized the vibronic sound of his instrument. He was one of the first vibraphonists to slow the speed of the instrument's oscillator to about 3.3 revolutions per second, which enabled him to add depth to his longer notes.

Willie Stilt

Willie Chamberlain, the only man team to score 100 points in a single game died on October 12, reportedly of an apparent massive heart attack. He was 63 years old. His groundskeeper discovered the body in bed about 12:30 p.m. and called 911 for help. During his career, Chamberlain turned in a total of 31,419 points during the all-time record for the most points scored until Kareem Abdul-Jabbar broke his record in 1984. Chamberlain was a dominant force in the game from 1959 through 1973. Chamberlain played with the Philadelphia Warriors, the Philadelphia 76ers and the Los Angeles Lakers. He started his career with Harlem Globetrotters in 1958. He was one of only two players to win the MVP and rookie to the year titles in the same season, in 1959. More recently, Chamberlain earned a stir of controversy by professing he'd had sexual relations with over 20,000 women.

UMDNJ recognizes seven New Jersey ministers during cultural 'Many Faces' diverse celebration

NEWARK — The University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ) recently honored seven New Jersey ministers for their on-going efforts to promote racial and cultural diversity as part "Many Faces, One Family."

The Board of Concerned Citizens (BCC) UMDNJ recognized: Rev. William D. Watley, pastor of Saint James A.M.E. Church in Newark; Rev. Dr. James Scott, pastor of Bethany Baptist Church in Newark; Father James A. Aloupis, pastor of Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Newark; Rabbi Rami Freedman, D.D., rabbi emeritus of Congregation B'nai Jeshurun in Franklin Lakes; Rev. Reginald T. Jackson, pastor of St. Matthews A.M.E. Church in Orange; Rev. David Vale, of Zarephath Community Chapel in Somerset; and Rev. Manuel A. Cruz, director of pastoral care at St. Michael's Med-



Recently Rev. Reginald Jackson (left) of St. Matthew A.M.E. Church in Orange and Rev. William Watley of St. James A.M.E. Church in Newark were honored by UMDNJ.

Governor Christie Todd Whitman established the week-long "Many Faces, One Family" observance in 1996. The purpose is to serve a statewide

leadership and public awareness campaign to foster an environment of dignity and respect for all individuals.

Under the leadership of Ms. Mathis-Ford said, "The Board of Concerned Citizens is proud to sponsor this event to recognize the notable efforts of leaders in our community who promote and embody the spirit of racial and cultural diversity."

The BCC, comprising Newark-area residents, business and community leaders, and UMDNJ students and staff; serves as a bridge between UMDNJ's Newark campus and the surrounding community. This organization of volunteers was formed shortly after the university was founded in 1970.

American Jewish Committee hosts series on Islam

"The World of Islam: A Briefing for Our Times" is a three part series sponsored by the Metropolitan New Jersey Chapter of the American Jewish Committee beginning October 27th at Congregation B'nai Jeshurun in Short Hills at 7:30 p.m. Some of the questions series speakers will address include: Who are Muslims and what are their core beliefs? Where are the large Muslim communities in the US? What do Arab, Indian, and African-American Muslims have in common and how do they differ? Is Islamic fundamentalism a growing threat?

The opening program, "The Essence of Islam," with Dr. Paula Drew, focuses on the five pillars of Islam. Dr. Drew, a British-born linguist and anthropologist was a faculty member at the National University of Iran in Tehran during the Shah's regime. She also taught at Tabriz University in Azerbaijan.

"Muslims in America" will be the second program on November 8th with Munir Jiwa. Mr. Jiwa is a Ph.D. candidate in Applied Anthropology at Columbia University. He is an ethnographer/researcher for the Center for Urban Policy and Research and the Middle East Institute at Columbia. His research focuses on the social, civic and political life of Muslim communities in the greater New York area.

The third program, "Islam: A Global Political Force" with Dr. Khalid Duran will be presented on December 2nd. Dr. Duran is editor of Trans Islam Magazine, a journal analyzing Islam-related political and sociological development in a global perspective. He is also co-authoring a book with Daniel Pipes about Islam in America. He has written five other books including "Islam & Political Extremism."

All three programs will be held at Congregation B'nai Jeshurun in Short Hills at 7:30 p.m. The series is free and open to the community.

For information call (973) 379-7444.

immune-related diseases. They call this the helplessness-hopelessness syndrome. And, these concepts are based on their dealings with White people, not us!

So, if this is true for them you know it's a major factor in our personal/collective trauma, disease and disharmony. What have we to do to heal ourselves? Become aware of your thoughts, feelings and how you perceive and construct your personal reality. Do you feel overwhelmed with life or do you feel empowered? Answer these questions honestly.

Think and envision yourself as robust, healthy, resilient and successful. Redefine yourself as a hero capable of making significant contributions toward the restoration of our race and our community. The social aspect is crucial. Visualize yourself as healthy, prosperous, unified and productive and work to make it a reality in your personal and social life.

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African Healing Therapy

By Junious Ricardo Stanton

"The African therapist believes that therapy is essential to the healing of both the mind and spirit. Healing wounds of the flesh is only half healing; furthermore, healing spiritual wounds, restoring individual smile and laughter, social ties and trust in the individual, self-confidence and the normal flow of one's energy is a whole healing. It is respecting and power (dikitsa ngolo), the process of restoring partially or totally individual self-healing power. It is allowing the body not only to listen to the harmonious songs of the universe. But to join the singers of that cosmic music of life and balance." From Self-Healing Power and Therapy by Kimbawendene Kia Bunseki FUKIAU

It's interesting to study African ideas about health and healing. Of course one of the difficulties is that the African tradition is passed down by word of mouth to trusted practitioners, many who have been outlawed, ostracized or abandoned through the legacy of Western colonialism. It is as if the African people are ashamed of their own history and culture.

The concepts that stand out clearly in the inquiries I've made into African beliefs are: balance, holism, and the interconnectedness and interdependence of all things. It appears that in traditional African cosmology, health

was viewed as a combination of proper relationship/balance of the individual's mind-body-spirit, his or her good standing within the community (both living and spiritual) and nature. Africans conceptualize the universe as an ordered living whole with each part related to the other both metaphysically and physically.

To our ancestors healing was not just about symptoms, wounds and the individual. It was about the restoration of one's inner harmony and balance as well as rectitude and harmony with the community, ancestral spirits and nature. Western medicine is just now flirting with the idea of the mind-body connection, but their individualistic cultural pattern prevents them from fully understanding it. Applying it, this is totally consistent with their socio-political behavior patterns because in Western cultures harmony, balance and peaceful social relationships are not the norm. That is a major problem for us as Africans caught up in a Western culture.

America's acrimonious racial history prevents the health industry from adequately dealing with our health issues except through the prescription of pharmaceutical drugs and/or surgery. In the areas of psychology and psychiatry, Euro-American therapists refuse to acknowledge the daily stresses and trauma we experience in this race, color, gender, and class obsessed culture.

Tutu urges creation of commission to deal with U.S. racism

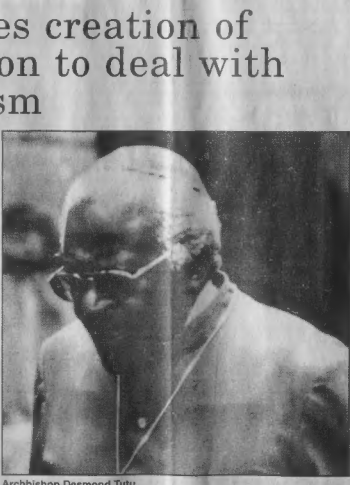
CHERRY HILL, N.J. (AP) — Retired South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu told an audience of 1,000 people recently that the United States should create a "truth and reconciliation commission" to solve its problem of racism.

Speaking as part of a cultural series at Cherry Hill High School East, the Nobel laureate said, "Until you hear (minorities') story, you cannot know the cause of their pain." He said he has told President Clinton that the United States needs a panel such as his country created to deal with apartheid-era crimes.

Tutu headed South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission, which offered amnesty in exchange for full disclosure of crimes committed.

"There is a pain that sits in the pit of the tummy of African Americans and Native Americans, and until you have a forum where people can tell their story, I don't think you can ever solve your race problem," he told the audience.

The South African panel held two years of hearings, learning of decades of massacres, beatings and rape. The commission issued a 2,750-page report that divided the blame among the white establishment, a complainant legal system and the



Archbishop Desmond Tutu

really have an incredible capacity for evil. Yes, we more gloriously, we have a capacity for good.

Tutu, who won the 1984 Nobel Peace Prize, is now a professor at Emory University in Atlanta.



Prayer Corner

A GOD by any other name is still GOD

Elohim
Genesis 1:1
God's power and might

Yahweh
Genesis 2:4;
The proper name of the divine person

El Elyon
Genesis 14:17
He is above all gods

El Roi
Genesis 16:13
God oversees all

El Shaddai
Psalm 17:1;
God all-powerful

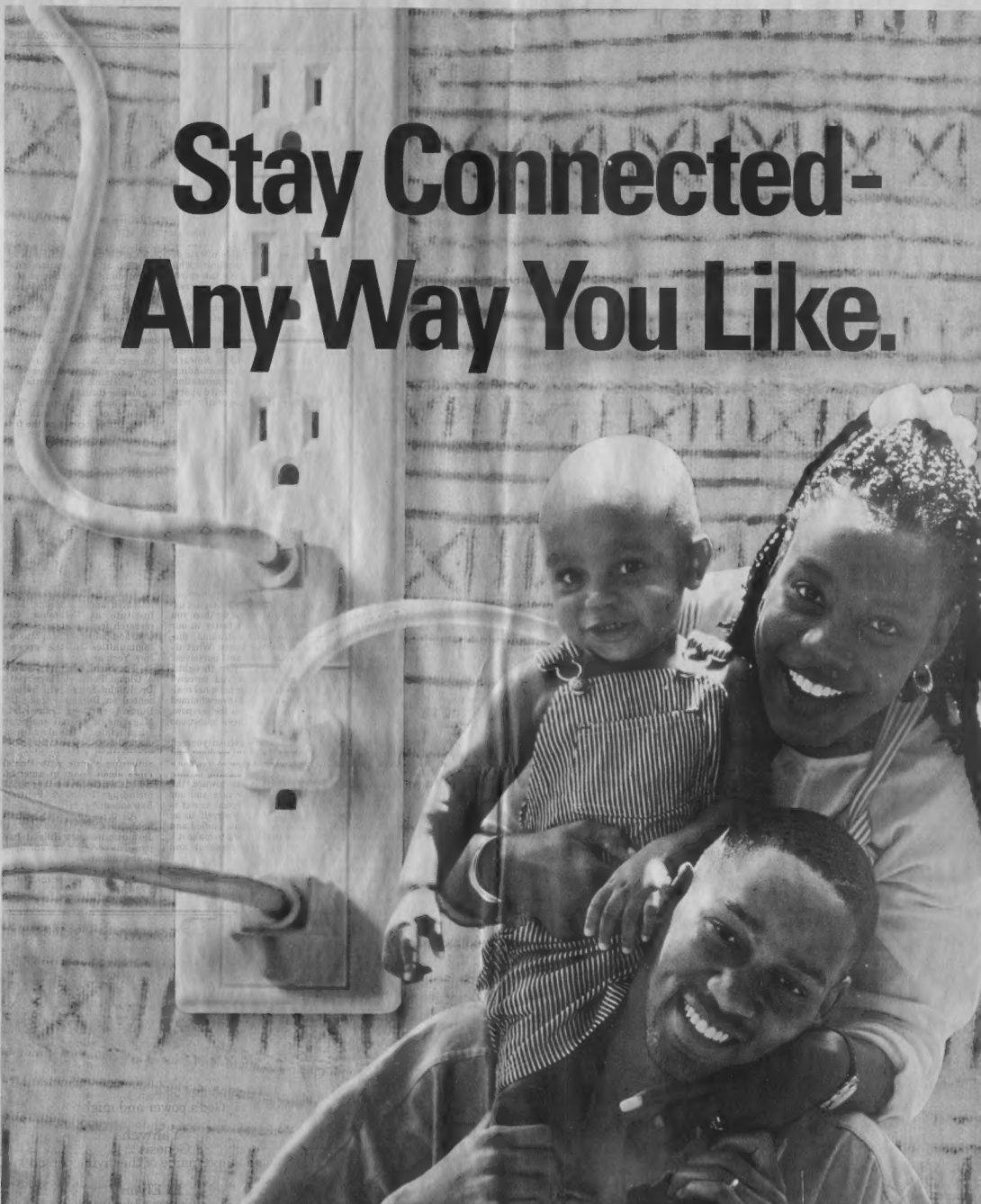
Yahweh Nissi
Exodus 17:15
Remember God for helping us

Adonai
Deuteronomy 6:4
God alone is the head over all.

Yahweh Elohe Yisrael
Judges 5:3;
He is the God of the nation.

Yahweh Shalom
Judges 6:24
God gives us peace, so we need not fear.

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Local Consumer Education Program

Local Briefs

Essex Clerk caters to blind voters needs

NEWARK — Essex County Clerk Patrick J. McNally has announced a new program to make Sample Election Ballots more accessible to the blind and visually impaired. The Sample Ballots will now be available on audio tape in cassette form. The tapes will list candidates in all elections including Federal, State, County and Local Offices. Each ballot will describe the office and candidates by party affiliation. Each tape will be tone indexed for easy access. A person will be able to find a particular community or office simply fast forwarding or rewinding the tape and listening to the tone indexes. The tapes are available for free.

Jackie Robinson Foundation scholarships available for high school minority seniors

The Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship Program provides comprehensive support services to minority students enrolled at institutions of higher education. The scholarship program includes four-year scholarships of up to \$6,000 annually, personal and career counseling, which is available on a year-round basis, an annual weekend of interaction with other Jackie Robinson scholars from around the country. The eligibility requirements are as follows:

1. Be a minority high school senior accepted by a university
 2. Be a United States citizen
 3. Have high academic achievement
 4. Have satisfactory SAT or ACT scores
 5. Illustrate your leadership potential
 6. Demonstrate financial need
- These are key dates that you need to adhere to: March 1, application request period ends; April 1, completed applications and support materials must be received at the JRF offices (no later than midnight); Jackie Robinson Foundation Application: 3 W. 35th Street, New York, New York, 10001-2204. For additional information call (212) 290-8600.

Newark school launches website for students, parents and the community

NEWARK — Camden Middle Model Technology School in Newark recently launched a website that will serve students, parents and local community organizations, such as the Newark Boys' and Girls' Club, by installing computers in local offices and permitting registered users to access the network. Thanks to the New Jersey Literacy Challenge Fund Technology Model Schools Grant, the school received \$1.2 million to improve access to technology for students, teachers and parents, in order to improve student achievement and involve parents more in the community school. "The Camden Middle School website is different from the other schools in the district because of its community links," said Josephine McDowell, principal of Camden Middle School. "Through the school's website visitors will also be able to log on to information about the Camden Middle Community School, Camden Middle Family Network and Students' Work." The Family Network is the part of the website that requires registration by users and will soon include links to the local community groups.

NAACP Convention yields "aggressive resolves"

NEWARK — The Century's Grand Finale Convention of the NAACP adjourned last month with a set of aggressive resolves and action proposals. Officially approved in the Final Business Session, delegates resolved to:

- 1) Register Eligible New Jersey High School students as voters;
- 2) Conduct a massive and extensive NAACP Statewide Membership Drive and
- 3) Enter an American Brief (Friend of the Court) regarding implementation of the Abbott case.

Finally, the registered delegates hailed this year's Convention as the "Greatest and Most Grand Convention of the 20th Century." Elaine C. Harrington expressed:

"While celebrating the theme, NAACP: 90 Years of Making Democracy Work, history came alive with the visit of Mrs. Rosa L. Parks and the Honorable Julian Bond." Rev. William Rutherford, President of the Irving Branch of the NAACP, was duly elected President of the NJ State Conference of NAACP.

'Newark Do Something' celebrates in posh style at the home of Nets' Jayson Williams

By Gilda Rogers
Staff Writer

It's not everyday that a professional athlete extends the invitation to host a picnic for over 300 people, with 100 being children at his home — Jayson Williams of the New Jersey Nets did. On October 2, Williams opened the gates to his sprawling 30 acre digs in Millford to Newark Do Something organization, celebrating its five-year anniversary — the ultimate in sportsmanship-hospitality.

Williams, who sits on the National Board of Do Something, although out of town gave free reign to the use of the indoor and outdoor swimming pools, golf course, basketball court, and horse riding along with viewing movies in his mini theater. Certainly, a memory many of the children



Superintendent of Newark School's Marion Bolden (center) poses with participants of 'Newark Do Something' at its fifth anniversary party, who attended will never forget. Do Something, the brain-

child of actor Andrew Shue, of "Melrose Place" fame, native New Jersey and National Board Chairman of the organization is dedicated to inspiring, training and mobilizing kids to strengthen communities one by one said Newark's executive director, Modia Butler. The Newark chairman is Bill Hoogterp. A strong emphasis is placed on leadership and its Community Coach, and Small Grants programs.

"In the Newark school system a teacher is identified and assigned to a group of young people to involve them in doing community service," said Butler, explaining the concept of the community coach program. Under the Small Grants program, young community leaders are given money to implement special initiatives such as block cleaning, planting flowers, etc.

But on this day it was not business as usual, it was all about fun. John Amos of TV and theater fame along with the Superintendent of Newark Public Schools, Marion Bolden and local politicians, including Congressman Donald Payne, Councilman Cory Booker, Senatorial candidate Jon Corzine, had fun right along with the kids.

Now imagine the expression on these kids faces when their bus pulled up in front of Williams' home, where a white Bentley sat parked — with focus, determination and hard work this lavish hook-up can be there's, too. And with Newark Do Something, a beacon leading the way, a child's dream is not very far from coming true.

March and all night vigil for Earl Faison

NEWARK — The People's Organization for Progress (POP) and other human rights groups will hold a "MARCH FOR JUSTICE AND ALL NIGHT VIGIL" in remembrance of Earl Faison, an all victim of police brutality, and in observance of The National Day Against Police Brutality on Friday, October 22, 1999.

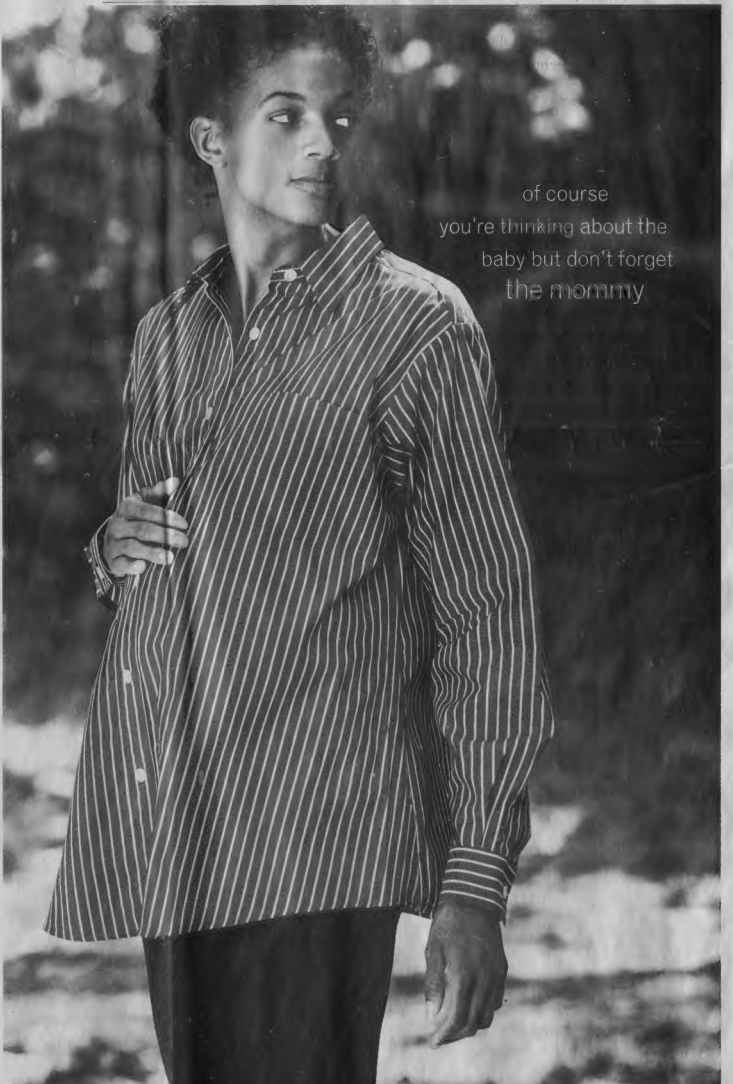
The marchers will gather at 4:00 p.m. in front of Orange City Hall, located on Day Street, near Main in Orange, New Jersey. Participants will then march to the Orange Police Headquarters where they will hold an all night vigil. The headquarters is located on the corner of Lincoln and Tremont Avenue. The marchers will arrive there at 6:00 p.m.

"We are having this action in order to keep public attention on the issue of police brutality, and to give voice to the demands of the people for justice in the case of Earl Faison and other victims of police brutality," POP chairman Lawrence Hamm stated. Members of Mr. Faison's family are expected to attend and address the gathering. Community leaders and activists will also make remarks, he said.

Earl David Faison, a 27 year-old African-American man, died while in police custody on Sunday, April 11 during the investigation into the fatal shooting of Orange police officer Joyce Anne Carnegie. It was recently reported that an Orange police officer recanted his original statement, and gave new testimony describing how officers robbed, beat, and pepper sprayed Faison, while he was handcuffed, moments before he died.

POP's demands for police reform include, the immediate suspension of all officers who did bodily harm to Mr. Faison, establishment of independent police review boards with subpoena powers for state and local police, the hiring of more African American and Hispanic officers by state and local police, racial bias testing, sensitivity training, and the promotion of more minority officers to supervisory and leadership positions.

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Distinguished African Women Lecture Series

Fatou

Sow, sociologist and preeminent feminist theorist, traveled from Senegal recently to speak at Douglass College in New Brunswick, where she highlighted the front-line issue in the battle for women's rights in Africa, implementing laws which allowed equal access to fundamental human rights.

Her lecture, "Challenging the State: African Women's Rights", kicked off the "Distinguished African Women Lecture Series" presented by The Center for African Studies at Rutgers University. The series is part of a year-long project hosting four scholars in residence from various regions of Africa.

During her two-week stay, Sow also spoke to the teen and educational community of New Brunswick, met with approximately 12 classes at Rutgers, and recorded a video-taped documentary of her life story, which will be placed in the university archives.

"We chose Fatou Sow because of her ability to engage with students on a warm level," said Richard Schroeder, director of The Center African Studies. "She is here to challenge stereotypes, to debunk the notion that African women are victims."

As an officer for international research networks, Sow is known around the globe, and it is internationally that she feels her message should resonate. She promotes the idea that African women need to do more than form isolated coalitions in Africa. "I am her!" Sow said. "We share this debate because the implications are the same across cultures."

Sow suggested that the global community challenge the assumption that all Africans live and think the same way. Sow reminded the audience that African citizens are Africans from different cultures but are always faced with stereotypes of what Africans are supposed to be. "Why does it seem like an impossible task to be African, Muslim and a modern woman?" Sow asked.

On the flip side, Sow said that it is dangerous for women to assume modernity and equality. Fighting for equal rights is still considered "anti-state" and "anti-culture", Sow said. "And the task of gaining women's rights through changes on a policy-making level is difficult."

For the millennium, governmental authorities need to create policies which take into account women not only as wives and mothers but women as workers and citizens, she said. "Institutions can no longer make women's participation invisible. So many changes have taken place, yet we need to challenge the state more often, not only to promote women's rights but to remodel and to create new types of societies and cultures in Africa."

She outlined ways to pave the way for more egalitarian regimes, including challenging the social and ideological gender division of labor embedded in family laws and women's reproductive rights. Polygamy, for example, is tolerated and sanctioned, but infidelity by women is grounds for a divorce, she said. Female genital mutilation, considered a right of passage for

women young women, has been challenged more recently, but

authority figures within families and religious communities still have power to carry on the tradition without liability.

"The African political system has been built on women's exclusion," Sow said. "Turning to the Koran to interpret human rights rather than to egalitarian laws is gender biased against women and takes away all of her choices," said Sow.

When the floor was opened for questions from the audience, one student asked Sow if it is hard to discuss women's rights when there are greater social issues going on in Africa, like poverty since a majority of the homeless in Africa are women and children. The issues are the same.

By Amy Meckler



Fatou Sow

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Rutgers University Center for African Studies presents

Tsitsi Dangaremba
December 1, 1999
"African Women: Which Way The Winds Of Change?"

Tsitsi Dangaremba (Zimbabwe) is a world famous novelist, playwright, poet and filmmaker. Her numerous films include *Everyone's Child*, a wrenching story about a Zimbabwe family devastated by AIDS, and *Neria*, an educa-

tional drama on the legal rights of widows. Her widely acclaimed novel, *Nervous Conditions*, explores in late colonial Rhodesia through the semi-autobiographical story of Tambu, a young girl forced to move from the impoverished farm of her family to live with her educated uncle in town.

Gertrude Mongella
February 2, 2000
"The Role of Women in

Conflict Resolution, Peace Negotiation and Promotion in Africa"

Ambassador Gertrude Mongella (Tanzania) is a highly respected and sought after member of the international community and has spent her career working to eliminate violence and discrimination against women. She served as Secretary General of the Fourth World Conference on

Women in Beijing, China, sponsored by the United Nations. She also served as a member of parliament and held ministerial positions in the Tanzanian government of 15 years, and has held office in many international organizations such as the Organization of African Unity, Advocacy for Women in Africa and The Hunger Project.

Yassine Fall

February 29, 2000
"Global and Macroeconomic Development"

Yassine Fall (Senegal) is an economist with expertise in gender and development, macroeconomic policy, social policy, environmental management, trade policies, education and health reforms, emergency relief operations, child labor studies, and food security

analysis. She was instrumental in the founding of Partners for African Development/Poverty Forum and the Gender and Economic Reform in Africa group and is currently the executive secretary of the Association of African Women for Research and Development. She continues her activism for women's equality through the formation of grassroots and institutional networks.

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NEW BRUNSWICK — Robert Wood Johnson University Hospitals will hold a blood drive 11 a.m. (7:30) 937-8594

NEW BRUNSWICK — Robert Wood Johnson University Hospitals will hold a support group meeting for mothers who breastfeed 12:15 p.m. (7:30) 937-8620

NEW BRUNSWICK — Robert Wood Johnson University Hospitals will hold a support group meeting for people living with cancer 7 p.m. (7:30) 937-8620

NEW BRUNSWICK — Robert Wood Johnson University Hospitals will hold a course on infant care. Call (7:30) 937-8620 for time and information

NEW BRUNSWICK — Robert Wood Johnson University Hospitals will hold a course on Lamaze and preparation for childbirth 7:15 p.m. (7:30) 937-8620

NEW BRUNSWICK — St. Peter's University Hospital will hold a support group meeting for parents with or on children with intellectual disability. Call (7:30) 937-8620

WEST ORANGE — Life Management, Inc. hosts a training program on how and when to pursue guardianship of an individual adult with a mental illness. Call (7:30) 937-8620

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21

NEW BRUNSWICK — Robert Wood Johnson University Hospitals will hold a discussion and workshop on taking control of your diabetes 7 p.m. (7:30) 937-8620

NEW BRUNSWICK — St. Peter's University Hospital will hold a support group meeting for those dependent on nicotine 5:30 p.m. (7:30) 937-8620

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22

SUMMIT — Sage Inc. hosts a discussion on 911 emergency at the Summit Recreation Center 11:45 a.m. (9:00) 273-4558

SCOTCH PLAINS — The American Red Cross of Greater Union & Plainfield Area will hold a blood drive at Episcopal Church 3 p.m. (9:00) 352-2500

NEWARK — The National Council of Negro Women, Inc. hosts a Women's Health Forum 2000 at Metropolitan Baptist Church 9 a.m. (9:30) 464-1072

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NEW BRUNSWICK — Robert Wood Johnson University Hospitals will hold a support group meeting for those suffering from manic depression 7:30 p.m. (7:30) 937-8620

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23

ORANGE — The Hospital Center of Orange hosts its annual community health fair at the hospital's main parking lot 9 a.m. (7:30) 296-0224

NEW BRUNSWICK — Robert Wood Johnson University Hospitals will hold a support group meeting for women in conflict 10 a.m. (7:30) 937-8620

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24

NEW BRUNSWICK — Robert Wood Johnson University Hospitals will hold a support group meeting for those who overeat 10 a.m. (7:30) 937-8620

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25

NEW BRUNSWICK — Robert Wood Johnson University Hospitals will hold a support group meeting for prostate cancer patients 7 p.m. (7:30) 937-8620

NEW BRUNSWICK — Robert Wood Johnson University Hospitals will hold a support group meeting for women 7:30 p.m. (7:30) 937-8620

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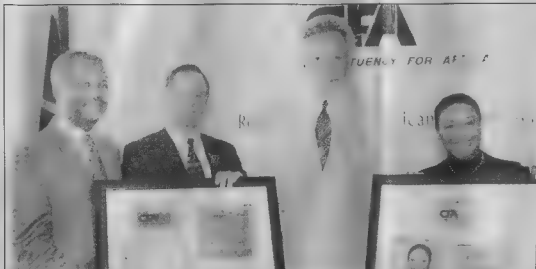
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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26

NEW BRUNSWICK — Robert Wood Johnson University Hospitals will hold a support group meeting for those with diabetes and/or children 7 p.m. (7:30) 235-6390

NEW BRUNSWICK — Robert Wood Johnson University Hospitals will hold a support group meeting for those who suffer from epilepsy 7:30 p.m. (7:30) 937-8620

Bristol-Myers Squibb and Congresswoman honored for efforts in fight against AIDS



U.S. Rep. Barbara Lee (D-CA) (right) and Mr. Kenneth E. Weg, vice chairman of Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. (second from left) receive Congressional Award and Ronald H. Brown, President of the U.S. National Institute of Health. Rep. Donald M. Payne (D-NJ) (left) and Hon. Ronald V. Dellums presented the award.

WASHINGTON — The Constituency for Africa (CFA) and the Ronald H. Brown Foundation today honored Congresswoman Barbara Lee (D-CA) and Bristol-Myers Squibb Company in recognition of two historic African AIDS/HIV initiatives. Rep. Lee was honored for introducing legislation to fund the AIDS Marshall Plan for Africa and Bristol-Myers Squibb for its Secure the Future program, the largest international corporate commitment to support HIV/AIDS.

Rep. Lee and Kenneth Weg, vice chairman of Bristol-Myers Squibb received the "Constituency of the Year" awards, given to individuals or groups providing exceptional public service to the African community in the U.S. at the CFA's annual African Leadership luncheon.

Rep. Lee has introduced legislation to fund the "AIDS Marshall Plan for Africa" proposed by Congressman Ron Dellums to provide grants for HIV/AIDS research, education, prevention, and treatment to African governments and organizations and seek to provide a replicable model to deal with the AIDS crisis globally. Secure the Future program is a \$100 million commitment to help women and children with HIV/AIDS in Southern Africa, Swaziland, Lesotho, and Namibia. The program will help African find relevant, cost-effective and sustainable solutions through funding of medical research, community outreach and education.

"Both of these programs are stunning in their vision. Secure the Future is the single greatest exam-

ple of corporate leadership in the global fight against AIDS. Nowhere is the need for research and outreach greater than in Africa and we are pleased to be able to command Bristol-Myers Squibb for their willingness to seek a leadership role globally," said the Hon. Ronald V. Dellums, chairman of the board of CFA. "Rep. Lee's legislation has the potential to change the face of AIDS in Africa and elsewhere. We believe that her proposal, will be the key to turning the tide for the people of Africa against the epidemic. The AIDS Marshall Plan for Africa would help to establish the U.S. as a world leader in the fight against AIDS in Africa. We recognize her leadership and courage in bestowing this award," Mr. Dellums said.

Bost and Irvington Municipal employees make contributions to breast cancer research

IRVINGTON — Mayor Sara B. Bost and the Irvington Municipal employees recently participated in the Lee National Breast Cancer Day.



Mayor Sara B. Bost

Lee's fight against breast cancer. Lee's goal is to raise \$6 million in one day and all donations go to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, the nation's leading private funder of breast cancer and community programs dedicated solely to breast cancer. The nation-wide program asks that each employee donate \$5.00 this week to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. It was established in 1982 by Nancy Brinker in honor of her sister, who died of breast cancer at age 35. Komen also provides life-saving information about early detection and treatment.

October is national breast cancer awareness month and Bost, along with municipal employees helped the Lee Company reach their goal of raising \$6 million in one day in the hope of eventually finding a cure. All employees received a pink ribbon to wear and were given a book.

"We are all under the assumption that only women can be diagnosed with breast cancer," commented Mayor Bost. "But the reality is that approximately one million men will expire from this disease and 43,300 women. We are more than willing to help Lee Dennis Jeanes in their research."

Director of the Irvington Health Department, Arlene Tyler stated, "The township of Irvington realizes that breast cancer can affect all of us, including men. We as a municipality are proud to play a role by making contributions to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation."

For more information please call (973) 399-6641

Free prostate cancer screenings at St. Peter's

NEW BRUNSWICK — Men are known for resisting two things: asking for directions and seeing a doctor while the former may be a minor annoyance, the latter could be deadly. Only one out of every four men has been checked for prostate cancer. According to the American Cancer Society, over 179,000 new cases of prostate cancer will be diagnosed this year. Some 37,000 of those men will die, needlessly. Early detection and treatment could have prevented many of their deaths.

St. Peter's University Hospital will offer a free prostate cancer screening for men age 50 and over on October 20, from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m., in room one of the Sister Marie Depazza Conference Center, 254 Easton Ave., New Brunswick.

The screening will include a prostate-specific antigen (PSA) blood test and a digital exam. Space is limited and appointments are required. To register call (732) 745-8683.

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Congestive Heart Failure: A disease you can live with

By Larry Lucas

Congestive heart failure occurs when the heart pumps inefficiently and fluid builds up in the lungs, making the heart work harder to get blood throughout the body. The blood flow from the heart slows and blood returns to the heart through the veins backs up. Fluid builds up in the lungs, abdomen, legs and ankles, causing swelling. Patients are constantly tired, short of breath and in and out of the hospital. In fact, heart failure is the leading cause of hospitalization in people 65 and older. An estimated 5 million Americans suffer from this disease, which costs about \$21 billion a year and claims 45,000 lives annually.

Death rates from all types of heart disease are 50 percent higher in African American men than white men and 87 percent higher for African American women than for white women. And African American women have a 35 percent greater risk of developing congestive heart failure.

What causes congestive heart failure? It's the result of damage to the heart muscle, often from a heart attack or high blood pressure. Since African Americans are more likely to have high blood pressure than the majority population, this is of particular interest to the African American community. Controlling blood pressure is a good way to avoid congestive heart failure, and statistics show that this strategy is working. According to the Centers for Disease Control, deaths from heart failure among Americans 65 and older fell over the past decade, and better control of high blood pressure was a key factor.

If you are diagnosed with congestive heart failure, several medicines are available to

help improve your quality of life and reduce the risk of death. And studies show that these medicines are helping. ACE inhibitor drugs, which are used to control blood pressure, have been shown to prolong the lives of people with congestive heart failure. Used in combination with another type of medicine known as a beta blocker, ACE inhibitor drugs have been shown to further reduce the risk of death from heart failure. A recent study published in the New England Journal of Medicine showed that adding spironolactone, a medicine already approved for a variety of conditions, to the treatment regimen for congestive heart failure reduced deaths by 30 percent and hospitalizations by 35 percent in a two-year study of more than 1,800 patients with severe heart failure.

Even better news is the fact that pharmaceutical companies are currently working on 19 additional medicines to treat congestive heart failure.

Your doctor is the best person to diagnose and treat congestive heart failure. The most common signs of the disease are swollen legs or ankles or difficulty breathing. Weight gain due to the build-up of fluid is another symptom.

According to the American Heart Association, treatment consists of:

- rest
- proper diet
- modified daily activities
- a variety of medicines

Most cases of mild and moderate congestive heart failure are treatable. Patients with congestive heart failure don't have to become invalids - if they follow their physicians' advice.

Larry Lucas is Associate Vice President of the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA).

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Music Notes

Jennifer Lopez leads Billboard Music Award nominations

Jennifer Lopez led the Bill board Music Awards nominations, totaling seven overall. Lopez was nominated for the best pop clip, best new artist video in the R&B category, dance category, and Maximum Vision Award (the video that best propels an artist's career). Lauryn Hill was nominated for three awards, including best clip and best new artist clip, and the rap/hip-hop category. The awards will take place Nov. 12.



Photo by Andre Murray. FOX

Mariah Carey

scheduled for Nov. 11 at the Point Theatre in Dublin, Ireland. The show will air on MTV Networks worldwide.

VH1 Divas Live 99 to be released

VH1 Divas Live concert CD is set to hit stores Nov. 2. The concert featured Whitney Houston, Mary J. Blige, Tina Turner, Brandy, Chaka Khan, Elton John, Cher and others. Songs performed include Whitney Houston singing "I Will Always Love You," Houston and Chaka Khan "I'm Every Woman," Houston and Blige, "Ain't No Way," Brandy and Faith Hill "Everlasting I Do," and Do It For You.

MTV European Music Awards

Puff Daddy, Mariah Carey, Whitney Houston and TLC are scheduled to appear at the MTV European Music Awards

Sonrise Sunset shine on latest album

By Robert E. Williams III
Staff Writer

Positivity has always been a powerful and moving force. In the face of negativity, it has led to better ways and better days. And for the hip-hop duo Sonrise Sunset, nothing has been farther from the truth.

The combination of Squint (Yusef Abdullah) and Onepizze (D'Mar Cannon), is an interesting and a positive one. Squint, who hails from Brooklyn, New York, and Onepizze, an Oakland, California native are one of hip-hop's first act whose numbers blend the sounds of East Coast music with the West Coast, and more important, a physical and tangible symbol of quelling the tension between east coast and west coast hip hop.

"We are about the unification of hip hop," said Squint of the duo's idea in a recent telephone interview. "We're about being artists and dropping music that everyone can feel."

And they are doing this with their latest album, "Turn of the Century," with its first single, "Stand," which gives tribute to those who have helped the group get to where they are not.

The two first met in 1996 when Squint and Onepizze were working on separate careers of their own. Squint was working with his New York-based group, Lo Schenno, and Onepizze



Sonrise Sunset

Photo by Michael Benabib

part of the appeal toward the duo.

"When people listen to our music, I want them to say we love the fact that they talk about the same thing, but from different places," said Onepizze. "I hope people realize two brothers in the industry doing it distinctly but are bringing something others are not doing."

Sonrise Sunset, who lists among their musical influences Run D.M.C., Big Daddy Kane, Rakim, Quincy Jones, and Stevie Wonder, have taken their positive and entered in other projects, including a clothing line, "Brother 2 Brother," a movie called "Love Beat the Hell out of me," a movie similar to "Waiting To Exhale."

was in production with a group called 3 Degrees West on his independent record label, Bumble Bee Records.

The two came into contact with each other at the Rap Sheet Convention, at which both of their current projects were among the top selections of the convention.

The two kept in contact after that, and a year later, with little success in finding major record deals, decided to join forces through the formation of music label, World Wide Records Inc.

It was through this label that the group formed their act and had success in the underground scene.

The duo considers their different perspectives and styles

In Your Ear

By Robert E. Williams III

Lauryn Hill carries on Bob Marley's legacy

Lauryn Hill has influenced a lot of things. The success of the Fugees, the way people view unwed mothers, and natural hair styles with her pretty dress.

And yet another thing she has influenced is something that was already great: the legacy of Bob Marley.

When Bob Marley died in May 1981, the already anointed "King of Reggae" left a living legacy through two things: his music and his children.

His music is something that has cross generational and racial appeal ensuring that he, will be in the minds of music lovers everywhere. His children have embarked on musical careers of their own, most notably in the form of Ziggy Marley and the Melody Makers, which consists of four of his 12 children.

However, this isn't something new. There are a number of artists whose children carry on their legacy in the same career with equal or greater success. But how many have a future daughter-in-law who helps to keep their music on the contemporary scene?

Enter Lauryn Hill.

The first public encounter of Hill and the world of Bob Marley was through the Fugees album, when the group met with the Marley family and recorded the song, "No Woman, No Cry." After much success with that single, she found greater fortune in the form of Ziggy Marley's brother Rohan, a former Miami University (Florida) football star, with whom she aired her first child, Zion David Marley.

Along with the press that followed regarding her entry into the Marley family, she became pregnant with Zion, which sparked much interest into the father and kept the family name in the press.

And then, if that was not enough, she blew up on her solo debut album, "The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill," in which several articles were written about this raspy voice diva, and her connection to one of reggae's most famous families. Some even criticized the couple for not being married and with children; after she gave birth to their daughter last year.

Now, Hill just finished her latest project involving her future father-in-law, a remake of his hit, "Turn Your Lights Down Low," in which they record the song in the same fashion as Nat King and Natalie Cole.

In addition to that, Bob Marley will be remembered through three major events this winter. First, an album is set to be released later this month with musical interpretations of his music, which features Hill and Busta Rhymes as well as a host of others. The artists on this album will then perform their songs in a concert in December.

Another album is also set to be released in November. This will be a collection of Bob Marley's music in a four-CD set featuring 78-tracks ranging from his days as a 17-year-old musician in 1962 to his last days.

Bob Marley made a name for himself way before Hill came onto the scene, but if anything can be said, it is that just like one of his children, Lauryn Hill has definitely helped to keep the Marley legacy alive.

Notorious B.I.G. single to be released "Dead Wrong"

Bad Boy Entertainment will release "Dead Wrong," the first single from the Notorious B.I.G.'s upcoming album, "Born Again" on October 25. The album, set to release in early December, is a tribute to the rapper, who was slain in March 1997, in Los Angeles.

Compiled from various publications and online news sources

Masquerade at Symphony Hall

The African American Heritage Parade Committee and the African American Heritage Masquerade Ball Committee will present their Third Annual Masquerade Gala to benefit the statewide parade and to honor individuals who have made contributions to the community.

The event, scheduled for 8:30 p.m., will entertain guests with music, song, and dance with a reception hosted by Seagram's. Masked couples dressed in formal evening wear will be invited to dance in the Terrace Ballroom to music provided by the exciting Harold Melvin's Blue Notes or the sound of Philadelphia International's Grace 1 title.

Newark native Carrie Jackson and her Jazzin' All-Star Quartet will perform in the Sarah Vaughn Concert Hall Lobby, during the reception hour.

The event, which has been held for the past two years at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center, was moved to Symphony Hall to attract a broader audience and provide a cost benefit to the Parade Committee.

The event is being co-chaired by Newark Council Members At-Large Gayle Chaneyfield Jenkins, Bessie Walker, and Irvington Council President Wayne Smith.

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- Public Participation
- Report of the State District Superintendent Education/Curriculum
- Operations
- Human Resource Services
- Finance
- Facilities
- Purchasing
- Report of the Advisory Board Chairperson
- Adjournment

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City Sports

A legacy which won't 'Wilt'

When I learned that Wilt Chamberlain had died it just didn't register. Once considered the strongest man on the planet, everything Wilt did was of mythic proportions. From scoring 100 points in a single game, to his bedding of 20,000 women, Wilt's feats left a mark on the city.

Wilt left many others scratching their heads trying to figure the guy out. Chamberlain was a study in contradictions. He was a self-confessed loner who also wanted to have sex with 20,000 women (for those of you without calculators, that's about 1.4 a day from age 15-50). Wilt was at times charming and at other moments aloof. Wilt could be outspoken on social issues, but also possessed a preference for white women.

I never met Wilt Chamberlain, cannot suppose to know or understand the man. But I do know that Chamberlain came into prominence at a time when athletes in general and black athletes in particular were much more circumspect and meek.

Professional athletes had virtually no leverage in Wilt's day, and were mired in labor conditions which did not lend itself to collective bargaining. In spite of this, Chamberlain in the early 60's held out for more money—and he got it.

In so doing, Chamberlain became one of the first athletes to command a \$100,000 salary. Wilt was his own best agent. He negotiated many of his deals, knew his statistical performance, and more importantly, knew what they were worth on the open market.

Chamberlain often attributed his public relations problems to the fact that "nobody roots for Goliath." That may be true. But I would add that in the late 1950s and through the 60s and beyond, nobody roots for a Goliath who smugly and openly dominated his sport, who spoke their mind and who was black.

Wilt came along during a time when a guy with his personality couldn't win. If he succeeded it was because he was tall. If he failed he was a loser. It appears that Wilt had an intuitive understanding of this dynamic. As a result, if anybody was going to defend his accomplishments, he was the man who had to do it. In reminding people of his greatness, many perceived it as arrogance, I however look at it as self defense. A defense which Wilt zealously conducted until the last weeks of his life.

Much like boxing great Jack Johnson, Chamberlain was important in a broader sociological sense. His importance did not flow from the substance of his words (because both men made remarks and embraced positions which were highly controversial), but rather from the mere fact that he had the independence and strength of spirit to say whatever he wanted to.

Whatever you may think of Chamberlain the person, there is no gain saying the fact—Wilt's irreverence helped liberate subsequent athletes who today enjoy more freedom to express themselves both on and off the playing field. Without Wilt there could never have been a Dennis Rodman, a Deion Sanders, or a Reggie Jackson, all athletes who knew their worth and weren't afraid to demand it.

Although Wilt may not deserve the level of reverence enjoyed by Muhammad Ali, Arthur Ashe, or Curt Flood, he must be given credit not only for hanging the game of basketball, but for forcing writers and sportswriters to alter the manner in which they engaged the black athlete, which was often condescending, insulting and downright racist.

Anxiety is now a condition of destiny with the Mets
By Jean H. Pierre

When I last left you, I was facing attacks of high anxiety with the New York Mets. Well it seems now that symptom of "high anxiety" has changed to a case of "championship destiny." If you're a baseball fan in the area you probably feel it to.

With the score still tied, who would come out on top with the big bat. Diamondbacks reliever Matt Mantei, who hasn't allowed a run during the second half of the season, was called up to hold the tie in the ninth. Todd Pratt, who was replacing catcher Mike Piazza, took to the plate and hit it straightaway centerfield in the top of tenth for the win.

They did it again. The Mets had a given me full blown championship hopes. They were proving the critics wrong about their chances in the playoffs by beating a team who won 100 games this year. A team with two of the best pitchers this year in Doel and Randy Johnson, were knocked convincingly in the by the Mets potent line up. Todd Pratt, who been riding the bench since 1996, became the shining light for the team and the fans who'll see this as part of New York Sports History.

Now its on to Greg Maddux, Chipper Jones and the rest of the Atlanta Braves. The Braves have owned the Mets for years, and so far the story has continued with the Braves winning the first three games. But now the momentum shifted with the Mets taking two games to pull the series 3-2. This is the playoffs. Anything is possible when you have destiny on your side.

Union might appeal Sprewell suspension, which for the Knicks mums the word

By Chris Sheridan

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Knicks are refusing to utter the word "suspension" when talking about Latrell Sprewell's latest punishment. In fact, they went so far as to deny that they suspended him. The truth, however, is out. Sprewell was indeed suspended last week during New York's first exhibition game — a penalty that could cost him an extra \$100,000. In response, the NBA players' union threatened to file a grievance.

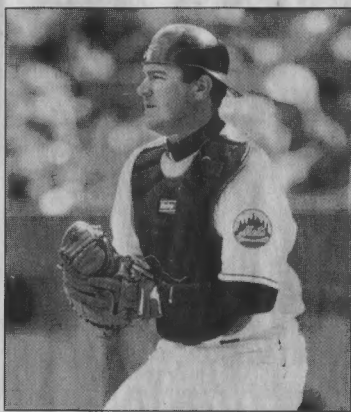
"Unfortunately, the Knicks have again disregarded our collective bargaining agreement in imposing discipline on Mr. Sprewell," union director Billy Hunter said. The union called the suspension constituted "an unreasonable monetary penalty that is excessive and goes far

beyond anything agreed to in the collective bargaining agreement."

Knicks general manager Scott Layden could not explain why the team did not disclose the suspension initially. Following Sprewell's 45-minute meeting with Layden and coach Jeff Van Gundy, a team spokeswoman specifically denied that Sprewell would be suspended — even when asked if he would lose 1-90th of his salary.

"We used the words 'appropriate and significant fine, and we felt that covered the issue. We wanted to handle it internally," said Layden, the former Utah Jazz executive who joined his arrival in New York has come under repeated criticism for being less than forthcoming with information.

Sprewell was on the sideline in street clothes when the



Catcher Todd Pratt was the hero in game four of the Divisional Series against the Arizona Diamondbacks when he hit a home game winning home run to put the Mets in the Championship Series against Atlanta.

Knicks lost to the Philadelphia 76ers in their exhibition opener.

"Personally, I think it was a little severe," Sprewell said after practice. "I understand them fining me for maybe not getting back to them right away and maybe for missing some of the practices, but I felt I could have played, and that probably was a little bit more than was necessary."

This is not the first time the union has gotten involved in a disciplinary matter relating to Sprewell's latest season. Sprewell was fined \$25,000 by Madison Square Garden president Dave Checketts for comments made by his agent, Robert Gist. The union filed a grievance, and that money has since been returned to Sprewell, according to Gist. The previous season, the union defended Sprewell after he was suspended for one year by the

NBA and had his contract terminated by the Golden State Warriors for his attack on coach P.J. Carlesimo. An arbitrator reinstated his contract and reduced the suspension to 68 games.

Sprewell skipped the Knicks' first week of training camp and did not join the team until two weeks ago. He was excused from the first two days of camp after going through a civil trial in California stemming from a car accident he admittedly caused, but he then failed to show up and failed to call the team as he drove from Oakland, Calif., to New York. Sprewell's coach and teammates have called him on to explain himself to the team, but he has not done so yet. "It should happen," tri-captain Allan Houston said, "but we'll just wait and see."

Moss wants to become two-sport star

By Arnie Stapleton

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. (AP) — It's true, West Virginia native Randy Moss wants to play in the NBA and join Deion Sanders, Bo Jackson and Michael Jordan as two-sport athletes. He also wishes it was still his little secret.

"I don't see basketball as anything important right now," he said. "I'm just trying to focus and concentrate on football." Moss said he didn't want his off-season wishes to become a distraction to his Minnesota Vikings teammates. "It's just one thing that somebody let out of the bag that Randy Moss was going to try to play basketball and then didn't say when and now it's getting carried away," Moss said.

Minnesota Timberwolves coach Flip Saunders said last weekend that one of Moss' representatives contacted him to float the idea of Moss playing alongside Kevin Garnett at some point. Moss was especially disturbed by the timing. The Vikings (2-3) are playing poorly and he's been inconsistent.

"Right now I think somebody leaked it out to you guys about me playing basketball and I didn't really want to make it a big issue," he said. "I didn't want to have my teammates ... just asking questions about playing basketball: 'Can you do it? Do you think you can?' and not being focused on what we're trying to do."

Moss' agent, Dante DiTrape, said Moss called on the phone from The Associated Press. For several days, Moss had declined to answer the press saying only: "I'm not answering any basketball questions, I want a football player." But during an unusually candid and long interview, Moss confirmed his interest in playing NBA basketball on the side.

Moss, who played in high school with Sacramento Kings guard Jason Williams and was twice a West Virginia Mr. Basketball, already plays offseason pickup games against NBA players, which is his competitive nature.

"So, instead of going out there playing recreation, why not see if I can try my skills out on another level?" Moss said. "But like I said, it could be two years from now, three years from now. It could be the end of this season."

If the Vikings have any reservations about Moss playing basketball, they're keeping it to themselves. General manager Tim Connolly said he wouldn't stand in Moss' way if he wanted to display his electrifying athletic skills in the NBA, where he'd miss about half the season if the Vikings go deep into the playoffs. Coach Dennis Green said Moss will do as he pleases.

"I think Deion Sanders has proven that if a guy is good enough and somebody wants you and you want to do something else in the offseason you'll do it," Green said. "And that's part of the new era, that's the new entertainment business."

Still, the Vikings have reason to worry about Moss playing basketball. Moss graduated his ankle doing just that two days before the team's May minicamp after he was drafted last year. He sat out the camp and, according to Green, the injury hampered Moss' play his entire rookie season, which was nonetheless spectacular. Last year, Moss signed a four-year, \$4.4 million contract that's expected to be torn up after this season. But Connolly said that despite the increased chance of injury, any new deal for Moss won't include language discouraging Moss from pursuing a pro basketball career on the side.

The 6-foot-4 All-Pro wide receiver said he had no idea what position he'd play in the NBA. "I just want to see if I can play," he said.

The best basketball players in the city of EO come out, compete and 'get their game on'



The stars of tomorrow's NBA recently took to the court at Oval Park as the City of East Orange held its Championship Week Basketball Tournament. The tournament brings together enthusiastic and cohesive male players from ages 9-40 from the city's area parks. The focus of the tournament is to create a competitive spirit, discipline, and better sportsmanship and dispel fears between the inter and outwards in East Orange. At left, the host park Oval (in black) sets up its offense against Rowley Park (blue). At right, Oval (black) plays tight defense against Sevalar.

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